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Heavy fighting continues near the provincial capital of Svay Rieng in southeastern Cambodia. Government forces yesterday killed 37 Khmer Communists during operations to clear insurgents from trench-lines along the city's defensive perimeter. For their part, the Communists shelled Svay Rieng city with 107-mm rockets, inflicting light friendly casualties. In other significant action, Cambodian army troops on October 31 cleared a stretch of Route 5 some 9 miles northwest of Kompong Chhnang that had been under insurgent interdiction. The strategic highway is still cut in an area 28 miles east of Pursat, although gov-

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